

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs and stated that claims 2-6 and 8-11 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview on March 2, 2009.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 27, 2009.

As indicated above, claims 1 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

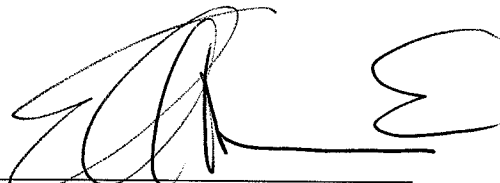
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Respectfully submitted,

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